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- A coup d'etat may take place in Thailand before the King's return about 1 December 1951. Junior Army officers may initiate an attempt similar to the Navy's effort in June, the objective being to promulgate a new constitution which will reduce the powers of the King and of the Senate. It is feared that the King will actively exercise his present powers and influence after his return.
- The participation, if any, of Lt. Gen. Sarit Thanarat and Gen. Phao Sriyanon is not yet formulated. It is not known whether they will stand aloof, or 2. oprose each other, or work together inasmuch as the coup objective parallels their own interests.
- Two thousand Madsen (sic) sub-machine guns which the Army seized from the Many following the abortive coup in June have disappeared, evidently into the hands of local arms smugglers. I
 - Comment. A nart of these may now be in the Chinese hands and some may have gone to the Democratic Republic of Vietnam.

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